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June 6, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
THE COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
UNITED NATIONS
THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT
THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Presidential Decisions (U)

At the National Security Council (NSC) meeting held on June 4, 1981, the President made the following decisions:

U. S. Policy Toward China

The Secretary of State is authorized to:

-- Make good on past U. S. Government commitments to liberalize U. S. export controls on dual-use technology.

-- Inform the Chinese that we are reviewing all legislation that prohibits cooperation by the Government or private industry with China due to its earlier association with the Soviet bloc. We will seek appropriate Congressional action to end past discrimination no longer consistent with our present strategic relationship. (S)

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-- Inform the Chinese that we intend to suspend China from the list of embargoed destinations for arms transfers and to adopt the same case-by-case approach taken with other friendly countries. This decision would not be announced until after China's Vice Chief of the General Staff revisits the U. S. this summer to outline Chinese defensive needs against the Soviets, and we have consulted with our allies and friends, as well as key members of Congress.* (S)

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-- Refer to Chinese assurances that they intend to take a peaceful approach to the Taiwan issue. The Chinese should be informed (if they ask) that new sales to Taiwan will go forward on a prudent and restrained basis.

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-- State that we favor reconciliation between the Chinese on the mainland and Taiwan, and regard the growth of indirect contacts over the past year as favorable developments contributing to that end.

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-- [REDACTED] China can continue to apply military pressure on the Vietnamese, and we, ASEAN and others will keep up the political and economic pressure. We will assist the ASEAN states to augment their defense capabilities. We will consider material assistance to the non-communist Kampuchean resistance in light of changes

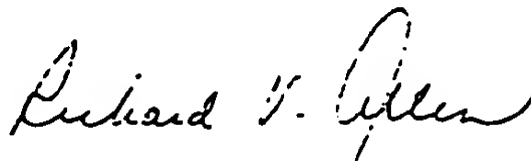
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** The Department of Defense will be involved in consultations on sensitive strategic matters. (S)

in the composition and effectiveness of the resistance, and the ASEAN position. In this connection, the Secretary should stress that the Pol Pot group is not acceptable to the U. S. or the international community at large, and that he must not be allowed to return to power in Pnom Penh. (S)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:



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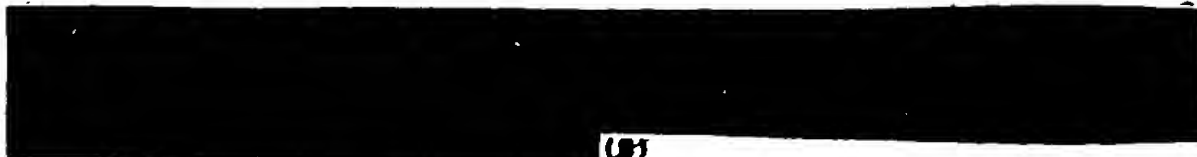
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